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## Abstract

This mapping describes an verification extension to EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. Specified in Extensible Markup Language (XML), this extended mapping is applied to provide additional features required for the provisioning of contact verification.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

The verification of domain name and registrant identity are required in some registries according to local laws and regulations. The registry should ensure the domain registered does not contain any illegal words and the registrants should pass the real-name verification. There are efforts on verification mechanism by introducing a third party that providing verification service [[I-D.draft-gould-eppext-verificationcode](#)]. This method is intended to offer a verification framework but not detail the verification statuses which are employ in practice to indicate the verification process. To be in alignment with the verification status indication mechanism, EPP should be extended accordingly.

This document describes an extension mapping for version 1.0 of the Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) [[RFC5730](#)]. This mapping, an extension to EPP object mappings like the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)], can be used to retrieve verification information in query commands.

This document is specified using the XML 1.0 as described in [[W3C.REC-xml-20040204](#)] and XML Schema notation as described in [[W3C.REC-xmlschema-1-20041028](#)] and [[W3C.REC-xmlschema-2-20041028](#)].

## [2.](#) Conventions Used in This Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

In examples, "C:" represents lines sent by a protocol client and "S:" represents lines returned by a protocol server. Indentation and white space in examples are provided only to illustrate element

relationships and are not a REQUIRED feature of this specification.

XML is case sensitive. Unless stated otherwise, XML specifications and examples provided in this document MUST be interpreted in the character case presented to develop a conforming implementation.

vericontact-1.0 in this document is used as an abbreviation for urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact-1.0.

### [3.](#) Object Attributes

This extension adds additional elements to the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. Only the new elements are described here.

#### [3.1.](#) Distinction Type Values

A contact may be verified already and may have something like integrity records. So a distinction type values are defined to associate with a contact object. Distinction type value descriptions:

- o verified. A contact has been verified already.
- o blocked. A contact has blemished integrity records.
- o unverified. A contact has not pass the verification process.

#### [3.2.](#) Verification Status Values

The contact object MUST always have one associated verification status value. The verification status value can be set only by the server. The verification status of an object MAY change as a result of an action performed by a server operator. Verification status Value descriptions:

- o unverified. No verification materials are received.
- o pendingVerify. Verification action has not been completed by the

server after receiving verification materials. Server operators can delay action completion for a variety of reasons, such as to allow for human review or third-party action.

- o pass. Successful verification.
- o failed. Failed verification. Further verification materials may be needed.

### [3.3.](#) Dates and Times

Date and time attribute values MUST be represented in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) using the Gregorian calendar. The extended date-time form using upper case "T" and "Z" characters defined in [\[W3C.REC-xmlschema-2-20041028\]](#) MUST be used to represent date-time values, as XML Schema does not support truncated date-time forms or lower case "T" and "Z" characters.

### [3.4.](#) Client Identifier

The client identifier represents the unique identifier assigned to the client by the server.

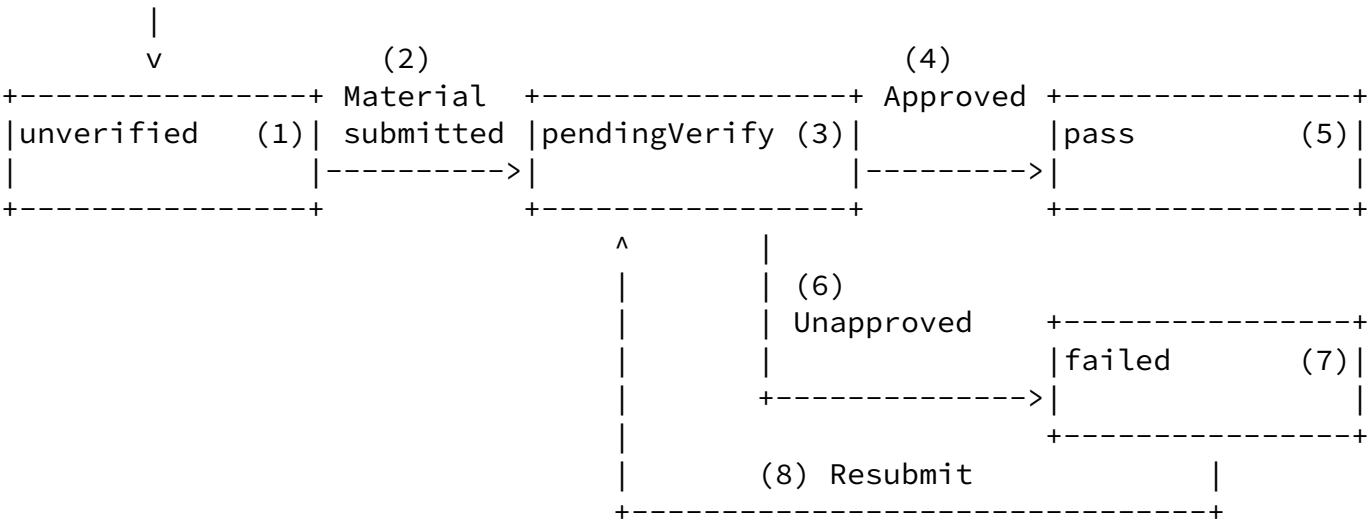
## [4.](#) Verification State Diagram

Following is a general verification state transition process:

1. The initial verification status of a domain is "unverified".
2. The registrant submits the proof materials to the registry.
3. After receiving the proof materials, the verification status of the domain is changed to "pendingVerify".
4. The proof materials pass the human review or third-party verification.
5. The verification status is changed to "pass".
6. The proof materials are not approved.

7. The verification status is changed to "failed".
8. If the registrant resubmits the proof materials, the status will be set to "pendingVerify" again.

Figure 1: Verification State Diagram



## 5. EPP Command Mapping

A detailed description of the EPP syntax and semantics can be found in the EPP core protocol specification [RFC5730]. The command mappings described here are specifically for use in provisioning and managing verification information via EPP.

### 5.1. EPP Query Commands

EPP provides three commands to retrieve contact information: <check> to determine if a contact object can be provisioned within a repository, <info> to retrieve detailed information associated with a contact object, and <transfer> to retrieve contact-object transfer status information.

#### [5.1.1.1.](#) EPP <check> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <check> command described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. However, additional elements are defined for the <check> response.

Example <check> command:

```
C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
C:  <command>
C:    <check>
C:      <contact:check
C:        xmlns:contact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:contact-1.0">
C:          <contact:id>sh8013</contact:id>
C:          <contact:id>sah8013</contact:id>
C:          <contact:id>8013sah</contact:id>
C:        </contact:check>
C:      </check>
C:    <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:  </command>
C:</epp>
```

When an <check> command has been processed successfully, the EPP <resData> element MUST contain child elements as described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. In addition, the EPP <extension> element SHOULD contain a child <vericontact:chkData> element that identifies the extension namespace if the contact object has data associated with this extension and based on its service policy. The <vericontact:chkData> element contains the following child elements:

- o An OPTIONAL <vericontact:distinction> element is designed to indicate the verification status of a contact information with respect to the verification rules of a specific registry. The <vericontact:distinction> element is only used for a <contact:id> element with the attribute "avail" that equals false. The element contains the following attributes:
  - \* A "id" attribute associates with a specific contact identifier

checked.

- \* A "type" attribute specifies whether a contact is verified or not as described in [section 3.1](#).

Example <check> response:



```

S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <contact:chkData
S:        xmlns:contact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:contact-1.0">
S:        <contact:cd>
S:          <contact:id avail="0">sh8013</contact:id>
S:        </contact:cd>
S:        <contact:cd>
S:          <contact:id avail="0">sah8013</contact:id>
S:        </contact:cd>
S:        <contact:cd>
S:          <contact:id avail="0">8013sah</contact:id>
S:        </contact:cd>
S:      </contact:chkData>
S:    </resData>
S:    <extension>
S:      <vericontact:chkData xmlns:vericontact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact-1.0">
S:        <vericontact:distinction id="sh8013" type="verified"/>
S:        <vericontact:distinction id="sah8013" type="blocked"/>
S:        <vericontact:distinction id="8013sah" type="unverified"/>
S:      </vericontact:chkData>
S:    </extension>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S:</epp>

```

#### 5.1.2. EPP <info> Command

This extension does not add any element to the EPP <info> command described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. However, additional elements are defined for the <info> response.

Example <info> command:

```
C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
C:  <command>
C:    <info>
C:      <contact:info
C:        xmlns:contact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:contact-1.0">
C:          <contact:id>sh8013</contact:id>
C:          <contact:authInfo>
C:            <contact:pw>2fooBAR</contact:pw>
C:          </contact:authInfo>
C:        </contact:info>
C:      </info>
C:    <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:  </command>
C:</epp>
```

When an `<info>` command has been processed successfully, the EPP `<resData>` element MUST contain child elements as described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)]. In addition, the EPP `<extension>` element SHOULD contain a child `<vericontact:infData>` element that identifies the extension namespace if the contact object has data associated with this extension and based on its service policy. The `<vericontact:infData>` element contains the following child elements:

- o A `<vericontact:status>` element that contains the current verification status defined in [section 3.2](#).
- o An OPTIONAL `<vericontact:history>` element that contains records with history verification process information. The `<vericontact:history>` element MUST contain following elements:
  - \* `<vericontact:record>` element contains a single history record for the verification process. The `<vericontact:record>` element MUST contain following elements:
    - + A `<vericontact:date>` element contains the date and time when the operation has been executed.
    - + A `<vericontact:op>` element contains the name of an operation that has been executed.
    - + A `<vericontact:clID>` element contains the identifier of an sponsoring client.

Example `<info>` response for an authorized client:

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```
S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <contact:infData
S:        xmlns:contact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:contact-1.0">
S:        <contact:id>sh8013</contact:id>
S:        <contact:roid>SH8013-REP</contact:roid>
S:        <contact:status s="linked"/>
S:        <contact:status s="clientDeleteProhibited"/>
S:        <contact:postalInfo type="int">
S:          <contact:name>John Doe</contact:name>
S:          <contact:org>Example Inc.</contact:org>
S:          <contact:addr>
S:            <contact:street>123 Example Dr.</contact:street>
S:            <contact:street>Suite 100</contact:street>
S:            <contact:city>Dulles</contact:city>
S:            <contact:sp>VA</contact:sp>
S:            <contact:pc>20166-6503</contact:pc>
S:            <contact:cc>US</contact:cc>
S:          </contact:addr>
S:        </contact:postalInfo>
S:        <contact:voice x="1234">+1.7035555555</contact:voice>
S:        <contact:fax>+1.7035555556</contact:fax>
S:        <contact:email>jdoe@example.com</contact:email>
S:        <contact:clID>ClientY</contact:clID>
S:        <contact:crID>ClientX</contact:crID>
S:        <contact:crDate>2015-02-03T212:00:00.0Z</contact:crDate>
S:        <contact:upID>ClientX</contact:upID>
S:        <contact:upDate>2015-02-20T09:00:00.0Z</contact:upDate>
S:        <contact:trDate>2015-10-08T09:00:00.0Z</contact:trDate>
S:        <contact:authInfo>
S:          <contact:pw>2fooBAR</contact:pw>
S:        </contact:authInfo>
S:        <contact:disclose flag="0">
S:          <contact:voice/>
```

```

S:      <contact:email/>
S:      </contact:disclose>
S:      </contact:infData>
S:    </resData>
S:    <extension>
S:      <vericontact:infData xmlns:vericontact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact">
S:        <vericontact:status>pass</vericontact:status>
S:        <vericontact:history>
S:          <vericontact:record>

```

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```

S:      <vericontact:date>2015-2-6T12:00:00.0Z</vericontact:date>
S:      <vericontact:op>PASS</vericontact:op>
S:      <vericontact:clID>ClientX</vericontact:clID>
S:    </vericontact:record>
S:    <vericontact:record>
S:      <vericontact:date>2001-2-3T15:00:00.0Z</vericontact:date>
S:      <vericontact:op>PENDINGVERIFY</vericontact:op>
S:      <vericontact:clID>ClientX</vericontact:clID>
S:    </vericontact:record>
S:    <vericontact:record>
S:      <vericontact:date>2015-2-3T12:00:00.0Z</vericontact:date>
S:      <vericontact:op>UNVERIFIED</vericontact:op>
S:      <vericontact:clID>ClientX</vericontact:clID>
S:    </vericontact:record>
S:  </vericontact:history>
S: </vericontact:infData>
S: </extension>
S: <trID>
S:   <clTRID>ngcl-IvJjzMZc</clTRID>
S:   <svTRID>test142AWQONJZ</svTRID>
S: </trID>
S: </response>
S: </epp>

```

<info> response for the unauthorized client has not been changed, see [\[RFC5733\]](#) for detail.

An EPP error response MUST be returned if an <info> command cannot be processed for any reason.

### [5.1.3.](#) EPP <transfer> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <transfer> command or <transfer> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

## [5.2.](#) EPP Transform Commands

EPP provides five commands to transform domain objects: <create> to create an instance of a domain object, <delete> to delete an instance of a domain object, <renew> to extend the validity period of a contact object, <transfer> to manage domain object sponsorship changes, and <update> to change information associated with a contact object.

### [5.2.1.](#) EPP <create> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <create> command or <create> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

### [5.2.2.](#) EPP <delete> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <delete> command or <delete> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

### [5.2.3.](#) EPP <renew> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <renew> command or <renew> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

### [5.2.4.](#) EPP <transfer> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <transfer> command or <transfer> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

### [5.2.5.](#) EPP <update> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <update> command or <update> response described in the EPP contact mapping [[RFC5733](#)].

## 6. Formal Syntax

An EPP object mapping is specified in XML Schema notation. The formal syntax presented here is a complete schema representation of the object mapping suitable for automated validation of EPP XML instances. The BEGIN and END tags are not part of the schema; they are used to note the beginning and ending of the schema for URI registration purposes.

BEGIN

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<schema targetNamespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact-1.0"
  xmlns:vericontact="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact-1.0"
  xmlns:epp="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
  xmlns:eppcom="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:eppcom-1.0"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  elementFormDefault="qualified">

<!-- Import common element types -->
```

```
<import namespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:eppcom-1.0"
  schemaLocation="eppcom-1.0.xsd"/>
<import namespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
  schemaLocation="epp-1.0.xsd"/>

<annotation>
  <documentation>
    Extensible Provisioning Protocol v1.0
    Contact Verification Extension Schema v1.0
  </documentation>
</annotation>

<!-- Child response element -->
<element name="chkData" type="vericontact:chkDataType"/>
<element name="infData" type="vericontact:infDataType"/>

<!-- <vericontact:chkData> response elements -->
<complexType name="chkDataType">
```

```

    <sequence>
      <element name="distinction" type="vericontact:distinctionType" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

  <complexType name="distinctionType">
    <simpleContent base="eppcom:labelType">
      <extension base="eppcom:labelType">
        <attribute name="id" type="eppcom:clIDType" use="required"/>
        <attribute name="type" type="vericontact:distinctionValueType"/>
      </extension>
    </simpleContent>
  </complexType>

  <simpleType name="distinctionValueType">
    <restriction base="token">
      <enumeration value="verified"/>
      <enumeration value="blocked"/>
      <enumeration value="unverified"/>
    </restriction>
  </simpleType>

  <!-- <vericontact:infData> response elements -->

  <complexType name="infDataType">
    <sequence>
      <!-- current verification status -->
      <element name="status" type="vericontact:statusType"/>
      <!-- history records of verification process -->
      <element name="history" type="vericontact:historyType"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

```

```

  </sequence>
</complexType>

<simpleType name="statusType">
  <restriction base="token">
    <enumeration value="unverified"/>
    <enumeration value="pendingVerify"/>
    <enumeration value="pass"/>
    <enumeration value="failed"/>
  </restriction>
</simpleType>

```

```

<complexType name="historyType">
  <sequence>
    <element name="record" type="vericontact:recordType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" />
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="recordType">
  <sequence>
    <element name="date" type="dateTime"/>
    <element name="op" type="eppcom:minTokenType"/>
    <element name="clID" type="eppcom:clIDType"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<!-- End of schema. -->
</schema>
END

```

## 7. Internationalization Considerations

EPP is represented in XML, which provides native support for encoding information using the Unicode character set and its more compact representations including UTF-8. Conformant XML processors recognize both UTF-8 and UTF-16. Though XML includes provisions to identify and use other character encodings through use of an "encoding" attribute in an `<?xml?>` declaration, use of UTF-8 is RECOMMENDED.

As an extension of the EPP contact mapping, the elements, element content described in this document MUST inherit the internationalization conventions used to represent higher-layer domain and core protocol structures present in an XML instance that includes this extension.

## 8. IANA Considerations

### 8.1. XML Namespace



This document uses URNs to describe XML namespaces and XML schemas conforming to a registry mechanism described in [[RFC3688](#)]. IANA is requested to assign the following URI.

Registration request for the contact verification namespace:

- o URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vericontact-1.0
- o Registrant Contact: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.
- o XML: See the "Formal Syntax" section of this document.

## [8.2.](#) EPP Extension Registry

The EPP extension described in this document should be registered by the IANA in the EPP Extension Registry described in [[RFC7451](#)]. The details of the registration are as follows:

Name of Extension: Contact Verification Extension

Document Status: Informational

Reference: (insert reference to RFC version of this document)

Registrant Name and Email Address: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.

TLDs: any

IPR Disclosure: none

Status: active

Notes: none

## [9.](#) Security Considerations

The object mapping extension described in this document does not provide any other security services or introduce any additional considerations beyond those described by [[RFC5730](#)], [[RFC5733](#)] or those caused by the protocol layers used by EPP.

## 10. Acknowledgement

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